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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/972,605	Applicant(s) CUSHMAN, PAUL W.	
	Examiner Phirin Sam	Art Unit 2661	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8-10, 17, 19-22, 26-30, 33-35, 42, 44, 45, 47 and 51-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 7, 11-16, 18, 23-25, 31, 32, 36-41, 43, 46 and 48-50 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



**PHIRIN SAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5, 10, 17, 19-22, 26-30, 35, 42, 44, 45, 47, and 51-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,914,956 (hereinafter referred to as “Williams”).

Williams discloses the invention (**claims 1-5, 10, 17, 19-22, 26-30, 35, 42, 44, 45, 47, and 51-53**) as claimed including a method for copying data from an ATM connection table, comprising:

- (a) monitoring an ATM connection table on an ATM network (see Fig. 4, element 478, col. 5, lines 9-12);
- (b) determining whether entries of the ATM connection table are active (see Fig. 4, element 478, col. 5, lines 12-16);
- (c) periodically transferring data from active entries of the ATM connection table to memory (see Fig. 4, col. 8, lines 55-61);
- (d) utilizing identifiers associated with the data for identification purposes (see Fig. 4, col. 5, lines 9-12);
- (e) utilizing the transferred data in the memory with an application program (see Fig. 4, col. 8, lines 55-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8, 9, 33, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,914,956 (hereinafter referred as "Williams") in view of US Patent 6,195,352 (hereinafter referred as "Cushman").

Regarding claims 8, 9, 33, and 34, Williams does not disclose statistical information. However, Cushman discloses the statistical information (see Fig. 3, element 311, col. 6, lines 14-17). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the statistical information teaching by Cushman with Williams. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide to identify the number of cells received on each channel read on column 9, lines 49-50. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Cushman and Williams to obtain the invention as specified in the claims 8, 9, 33, and 34.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 6, 7, 11-16, 18, 23-25, 31, 32, 36-41, 43, 46, and 48-50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phirin Sam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3082. The examiner can normally be reached on a compress schedule, from 8:00-5:30, first Wed off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272 - 3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 15, 2006



PHIRIN SAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER